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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Claims 1-13 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, "... a device, responsive to a user request, for recording a requested item on a hardcopy medium, wherein for each item requested to be recorded the device generates a cover sheet, wherein the cover sheet comprises a hardcopy medium having human readable marks identifying the requesting user, the item recorded and the knowledge management service associated with the requested item..."

Claims 14-18 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... generating a cover sheet comprising recording human readable marks identifying the requesting user, the item recorded and the knowledge management service associated with the requested item on a hardcopy medium."

Claims 19-21 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generating a recommendation of a new item and generating a cover sheet, wherein the cover sheet comprises a hardcopy medium having human readable marks identifying the requesting user, the requested item and the recommendation of the new item."

Claim 22 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... human readable marks comprising a recommendation of a new item, wherein the recommendation service, responsive to the initial user request for recording an item on a hardcopy medium, stores an implicit rating for the requested item, determines whether, based on the implicit rating and the recommendation criteria, to generate an item recommendation, and if the criteria for generating a recommendation is met, generates a recommendation of the new item; and the hardcopy medium further having a region for receiving machine readable, user imparted or modifiable marks, wherein, responsive to the region having been read and user imparted marks having been found, the recommendation service determines whether an explicit rating of a recorded item has been read, and if so the recommendation service stores an explicit rating for the recommended item.

Claim 23 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach or suggest in claimed combination, "... human readable marks comprising a knowledge management service associated with the requested item, wherein the knowledge management service, responsive to the initial user request for recording an item on a hardcopy medium, stores a record of the user request with an electronic version of the requested item in a repository.."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 703-305-4391. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams, can be reached on 703-305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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